

2021 Annual Report - CECH

Chatham Ecumenical Council Helping Prevent Homelessness, Inc.

1-Mission Statement and Objective

The mission of CECH is to provide financial assistance and hope to those in our community who are struggling with housing issues due to loss of employment, economic or medical hardships, or personal tragedies. Our objective is to keep our neighbors, both families and individuals, in their homes. To that end CECH has awarded 1,547 grants totaling \$1,506,954.51 from its founding in 1993 through December 31, 2021.

CECH is a 501(c)(3) organization. Payments are made directly to vendors to whom the grant recipients owe money. Funds are not provided directly to the grant recipients.

2- Fiscal Year 2021 (1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021)

Successes in 2021

a- CECH's fundraising efforts in 2021 were successful. Through the good will donations of residents, businesses, churches and homeowners in Chatham and surrounding communities, CECH raised \$46,810.93 in direct mail-in contributions, plus \$943.00 in donations collected in CECH canisters placed in businesses around Chatham. CECH also received a \$3,000 grant from the Town of Chatham Human Services Grant Program. Due to COVID, CECH postponed its other fundraising events this year. The total amount of funds raised was \$51,080.05, which included \$226.21 in interest. The cost of printing and mailing the annual appeal

letter and follow up communications, plus CECH's annual administrative cost was \$2,908.73, leaving \$53,065.27 available for distribution in 2021 or subsequent years. We used these funds to assist 36 families on the Lower Cape through 36 grants totaling \$38,846.31 and averaging \$1,618.60 each. These 24 families live in the following communities:

- Chatham 11
- Harwich 9
- Eastham 1
- Orleans 2
- Dennis 1

b- CECH continues to make progress toward modernizing and upgrading our mailing and contributor lists to improve the efficiency of CECH's fund-raising efforts and lower its administrative costs. In 2021, CECH completed donation request mailings to 690 past contributors in June, and follow-up mailings to 559 past contributors in October who had not yet contributed in 2021. The CECH website (CECHomelessprevention.org) provides information about grant applications and includes a link for donations through Paypal (\$2,550 was received through Paypal in 2021 from 26 donors). CECH also provided letters of appreciation and receipts to all of CECH's over 145 contributors in 2021.

c- CECH has no paid staff and its administrative expenses are limited to mailing, postage, stationery, copying, accounting fees and tax filings. The Board of CECH makes generous contributions of time and donations, substantially covering CECH's total administrative costs. CECH utilizes the assistance of the staff of the Homeless

Prevention Council, Lower Cape Outreach Council, Chatham Housing Authority, Chatham Council on Aging, and Saint Vincent de Paul to screen and help identify our neighbors in need. In addition to evaluating grant requests, CECH's volunteers are primarily involved in Fund raising and making the community aware of the problem of homelessness.

Opportunities for 2022

CECH's financial targets for 2022 are:

- grants \$75,000
- donations \$50,000
- expenses \$3,750

Finding volunteers continues to be our main challenge.

- a- We have continued our association with the Chatham Merchants Association to generate community awareness.
- b- In 2021, CECH was again recognized by the Town of Chatham Human Services Grant Program with a \$3,000 award and listing in the Town's published list of Human Services agencies.
- c- CECH has developed and executed a Community outreach plan. The Board of Directors meet with community bank managers, school nurses and administrators, and charitable service agencies on the Lower Cape. We present our mission and clarify the process for requesting assistance.

As of 1/31/2021 there were 14 CECH volunteers:

President: Mildred Hastbacka

Vice-President: Erin Minichiello

Immediate Past Co-Presidents: Diane Kennedy and Neill Taylor

Treasurer: Paul Greenough

Evaluation Committee (Directors): Carol Daly (chairperson), Phyllis Tileston, Gloria Pearce, Erin Minichiello

Publicity (Director): Joan Aucoin

Members At Large: Susan Morgan; Fr. John Sullivan; Fleur Jones; Joseph Shamon; Paula McMahon

16-Audit and financial statement

Our financial information is reviewed by Michael J. Walsh, Sanders, Walsh, Eaton LLC. Attached is the cover page of CECH's IRS 990 statement for 2020.

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Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-0047

2020

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization **Chatham Ecumenical Council Helping Prevent Homelessness, Inc.**
 Doing business as
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) **PO Box 81** Room/suite
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
West Chatham MA 02669-0081

D Employer identification number
04-3225623

E Telephone number
508-945-4732

G Gross receipts \$ **41,014**

F Name and address of principal officer:
Diane Kennedy
PO Box 505
North Chatham MA 02650

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list. See instructions

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: **CECHHomelessprevention.org** **H(c) Group exemption number**

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other **L Year of formation:** **M State of legal domicile:**

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
To prevent homelessness in the Chatham area.

2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) **3 15**

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) **4 15**

5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2020 (Part V, line 2a) **5 0**

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) **6 15**

7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 **7a 0**

7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11 **7b 0**

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)		0
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	50,918	40,043
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	703	471
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	7,941	500
12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	59,562	41,014
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	54,457	51,934
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		0
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	2,218	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 0		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	4,417	4,429
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	61,092	56,363
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-1,530	-15,349
	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	178,162	162,813
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	0	0
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	178,162	162,813

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here Signature of officer: **Paul W Greenough** Date: _____
 Type or print name and title: **Treasurer**

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name Joseph F McGee, CPA	Preparer's signature Joseph F McGee, CPA	Date 06/30/21	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> if PTIN P01584870
Firm's name Sanders, Walsh & Eaton, CPAs, LLC	Firm's EIN 84-1894608	Firm's address PO Box 1427 W. Chatham, MA 02669	
Phone no. 508-945-0031			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

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